

## LETTERS

**Concerning first demonstration in California of x-rays by Founder-Editor Philip Mills Jones.**

San Francisco, California,  
January 29, 1938.

*To the Editor:*—The beautiful tribute to Dr. Philip Mills Jones in the January number of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE brings to my mind the fact that he was, I believe, the first on the Pacific Coast to demonstrate the value of the then recent discovery of the x-ray by Professor Roentgen.

The San Francisco *Examiner*, Thursday morning, February 20, 1896, states:

That proper investigation and experiment might be made in this city, the *Examiner* sought and obtained the services of three professional men of this city to test the Roentgen discovery, furnishing them with all the apparatus obtainable in this part of the world. After three days of discouraging failure success came, a success so complete that the photographs made yesterday in this city during the *Examiner* experiments are as good, or better, than any others that have been described in the technical publications of the country.

The three specialists selected were: Dr. Philip Mills Jones, who had general charge of the experiments; Dr. H. P. Carlton and Mr. Allen H. Babcock. Doctor Carlton had devoted much time to amateur photography, and Mr. Babcock was a clever electrician.

In the *Occidental Medical Times*, Sacramento, May, 1896, page 309, there appears:

San Francisco Medical Society, Regular Meeting, March 10, 1896. The Roentgen or X-rays: Dr. Philip Mills Jones gave a demonstration of the Roentgen or X-rays.

I am writing this for your information,  
1980 Washington Street.

Cordially,  
W. R. P. CLARK, M.D.

**Concerning California Publications in Pharmacology.**

*To the Editor:*—We are glad to announce the inauguration of *The University of California Publications in Pharmacology*, under the editorial supervision of Doctors Gordon A. Alles, T. C. Daniels, Mayo H. Soley, and Chauncey D. Leake. These studies will appear irregularly in the series, but will be consecutively paged to form volumes of about 500 pages. The subscription price per volume will be \$5. Bills, however, may be rendered annually on July 1 for the issues received to that date. The first of these papers should appear early in the spring of 1938, and it is expected that a volume will be completed about every two years.

*The University of California Publications in Pharmacology* will contain reports of original pharmacological studies from the University laboratories, together with occasional review and general articles relating to the science. The following titles, now in press, illustrate the scope of the series:

1. Prolegomenon to Current Pharmacology, by C. D. Leake.
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4. Skin Absorption of Insulin with *Mucuna pruriens*, by B. E. Abreu and G. A. Emerson.
5. Narcotic Properties of Alkoxyethyl Carbamates, by G. A. Emerson and B. E. Abreu.
6. Notes on the Pharmacological Action of Dinitrophenylmorphin, by G. A. Emerson, S. J. Klyza, N. M. Phatak and C. D. Leake.
7. Metabolic and Respiratory Effects of Dinitrophenylmorphin, by B. E. Abreu, N. M. Phatak, G. A. Emerson, and C. D. Leake.
8. Blood Sugar Response of Habituated Rabbits to Increments in Dosage of Morphine, Dihydromorphine and

Dinitrophenylmorphin, by G. A. Emerson and N. M. Phatak.

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Berkeley, California.

(Signed): UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PRESS.

**Concerning annual membership statistics of Los Angeles County Medical Association.**

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

ORGANIZED JANUARY 31, 1850

INCORPORATED JUNE 24, 1878

REINCORPORATED MARCH 29, 1926

*To the Editor:*—Referring to suggestions given in your letter of January 10, we wish to report that we have completed the table of membership totals, and enclose two copies for your files. We have been unable to ascertain the membership for the year 1902.

Very truly yours,  
S. K. COCHEMS,  
Executive Secretary.

Total number of members at the end of each year:

Year	No. of Members	Year	No. of Members
1901	16	1920	997
1902	?	1921	1098
1903	203	1922	1211
1904	278	1923	1241
1905	315	1924	1369
1906	359	1925	1450
1907	393	1926	1486
1908	398	1927	1537
1909	402	1928	1620
1910	457	1929	1759
1911	561	1930	1776
1912	600	1931	1879
1913	622	1932	1889
1914	668	1933	1781
1915	707	1934	1838
1916	729	1935	1992
1917	781	1936	2200
1918	819	1937	2357
1919	856		

**Concerning the East Bay Hospital Conference: Oakland Area.**

*To the Editor:*—Ellard L. Slack, Superintendent of Merritt Hospital, will head the East Bay Hospital Conference as president for 1938 as the result of the annual election of officers held by the representatives of twelve hospitals in the metropolitan Oakland area.

Dr. Benjamin W. Black, Medical Director of Alameda County, was named as vice-president and Alfred E. Maffly, Superintendent of Berkeley General Hospital, as secretary-treasurer. The East Bay Hospital Conference, official organization of the hospitals in this area, had as its outstanding achievement in 1937 the organization of the Insurance Association of Approved Hospitals, providing a mutual nonprofit insurance plan and giving complete hospital care to all members paying a premium of 90 cents per month.

President Slack reports 10,000 members have already been enrolled in this attempt to reduce cost of hospital care so that it will not become a burden on those in lower income brackets. Membership in the East Bay Hospital Conference, he adds, is composed of all hospitals maintaining high standards approved by the American College of Surgeons which have been officially endorsed by the national governing body.

The exchange of bad-debt information has been another new achievement of the Conference during the past year. Nine copies are made of every account turned over by any hospital member of the Conference for collection. These copies are of nine different colors and one copy is dis-